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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
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3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☒ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications

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- 7. ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
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- 10. ☒ Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449

☒ A completed Form PTO-1449 is attached hereto.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information Not Listed in Form PTO-1449)

Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/131,722, filed on April 23, 2002.

(complete the following, if applicable)

- ☐ This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ (date).

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

Section 5. Cumulative Patents or Publications

STATEMENT

_____ is cumulative of the following patents or publications listed on Form PTO-1449:

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Section 7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - EPO Search Report

The relevance with respect to the following citations listed on Form PTO-1449:

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Section 7B. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - English Language Version of EPO Search Report

Section 8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents

- [] Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material:

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- ☐ The following foreign language documents submitted are believed to be the equivalent or substantial equivalent of the English language documents identified below, which are also submitted herewith.

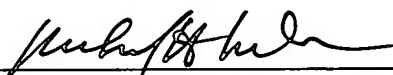
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Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the agent/attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- ☐ supplied by the inventor(s)
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